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WORDY SESSIONS Talk But No Deeds In Chungking

(By Doon Campbell)

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22. IN SIX SESSIONS THE DELEGATES TO CHINA'S ALL-PARTY POLITICAL CONSULTATION CONFERENCE HAVE SPOKEN SOMETHING LESS THAN A QUARTER MILLION WORDS WITHOUT A VOTE OR A DECISION.

ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL HAS ALREADY LIVED HALF ITS LIFE MEMBERS ARE STILL QUIBLING OVER ITS FUNCTIONS AND COMPETENCE TO DEAL WITH A NUMBER OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. AN INCREASING TENDENCY TO PIGEONHOLE PROBLEMS OR REFER THEM TO TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEES HAS DEVELOPED.

One day there was three hours of words on the Government's officialization of the Government. The next, there was three hours of theorizing on the reorganization and nationalization of the armed forces. The subject of tomorrow's chatter is anybody's guess.

Only one thing is certain: the Government will speak, most of the other parties will speak, but there will be nothing definite unless the seventh session breaks away from the tradition of its predecessors. The truth is the special committees are doing most of the deciding.

The P.C.C. chamber is a sort of open forum where all factions and forces ventilate viewpoints for public consumption. Kuomintang and Communist delegates sit next each other, every now and then exchanging winks. The Kuomintang usually agrees with the Government, and the Democratic League usually sides with the Communists.

LITTLE ORATORY

The atmosphere is less formal and less serious than a Parish Council meeting. There are newspapers and candies and tumbler of tea scattered about the U-shaped table. There is little oratory. Most of the practical business is done behind closed committee room doors.

Half a dozen politicians talk their hands off on how the forces should be re-organized before rationalization, without getting anywhere. The senior Kuomintang delegate, General Chang Chun, Governor of Szechwan; General Chou En-lai, No. 2 Communist, and General Chang Chih-chung, Minister of Political Affairs in the National Military Council, sit together using lost words in trying to reach a practicable workable formula for re-organizing the military machine.

General Chou wants the two things—nationalization of all armed forces and democratization of the government—to happen simultaneously. He wants all parties to be re-organized in the committee chamber and reducing the military programme. He wants the re-employment of more than 2,000,000 discharged soldiers to be the responsibility of all parties.

While the Government's speakers prefer to talk about "the re-organization of Communist troops," General Chou stresses that "the re-organization of the Communist troops will be completed and co-ordinated with that of Government troops." General Chou further suggests that during the interim period before nationalization the Minister of War be "a

CATHOLIC PRIEST INJURED

Rev. Father Barnabe Marcos, teacher of the Aberdeen Industrial School, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital in a critical condition after being knocked down by a Naval lorry at Pokfulam Road near the Dairy Farm about 2.40 p.m. yesterday.

Father Marcos was on his way back to the school when the lorry knocked him down while he was crossing the road. He received injuries to the head and upper part of the body and is stated to be in a serious condition.

BUDDHA ARMOURY

NARA, Jan. 22. The Great Daibutsu bronze Buddha, largest in the world, is waiting to be demilitarized.

American troops discovered that the Japanese stored hundreds of cases of military supplies near the 63½ foot idol which attracted thousands of pro-war tourists to Nara, Japan's first capital.—Associated Press.

U.S. SAILORS BEATEN UP

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22. SEVERAL UNITED STATES SAILORS WERE BEATEN TO-DAY BY DEMONSTRATING UNEMPLOYED CHINESE DURING A PARADE PROTESTING AGAINST THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

The demonstrators carried banners accusing Shanghai authorities of failing to solve the unemployment problem.

Witnesses said the demonstrators swarmed over a United States Navy truck in which sailors were riding, beating several. None of the sailors, however, were seriously injured.

The Chinese rejoined the parade when Navy shore patrolmen drew their pistols.—Associated Press.

JAP. STOOGES ARRESTED

Believed to have been one of the Colony's "bad men" during the Japanese occupation, a Chinese named Pun Lam has been arrested by the Authorities and is now in Stanley Prison.

Pun was arrested on information received by the Special Branch in Kowloon on Monday night.

One of the allegations against him is believed to concern the death of an American aviator during the Japanese regime.

New Butter Scheme Starts To-Day

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE, REGISTERED UNDER THE NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEME, WILL THIS WEEK SHARE AN ISSUE OF 10,000 LBS. OF BUTTER, GIVING AN INDIVIDUAL RATION OF HALF A POUND TO LAST A LITTLE MORE THAN A WEEK.

THE NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEME, SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND PUT INTO OPERATION ON ITS BEHALF BY THE DAIRY FARM, STARTS TO-DAY.

Three days have been allocated for distributing the rations to-day, tomorrow and Friday. The four distributing points are Lane, Crawford's and the Dairy Farm depots at Lower Albert Road, Kowloon and East Point.

Every person who has made application for the butter issue has been registered, so long as he has come under the category of an employee. Those who have applied on behalf of families have been allocated one ration.

The scheme is worked on the principle of supplying butter to as many people as possible; but the quantity of butter available is limited and this must be spread over several weeks, pending arrival of new supplies.

The fact that butter is in short supply, has to be spread over a period and that the number of applicants for registration has been so large, is the reason for the reduced ration.

PURCHASE DOCKETS have been registered and have been received their purchase dockets from the Dairy Farm.

U.K. GENEROSITY

The butter to be issued is Australian and it is worthy of note that it comes out of the allocation made by Australia to the United Kingdom. In other words, Hong Kong to-day is able to have butter thanks to the generosity of the U.K. Government and at the sacrifice of the people of Britain who receive only two ounces a week.

SOCIALIST TAKES DE GAULLE'S POST

PARIS, JAN. 22.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS PROPOSED TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY THE FORMATION OF A COMMUNIST-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT, HEADED BY A COMMUNIST, TO SUCCEED GENERAL DE GAULLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

THE PROPOSAL, MADE IN A LETTER FROM THE COMMUNIST LEADER, JACQUES DUCLOS, SAID THAT THE M.R.P. PARTY HAD REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNIST-LED GOVERNMENT, AND ASKED THE SOCIALISTS WHETHER THEY STILL CLUNG TO THEIR FORMULA OF A TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT.

The Socialist decision on the Communist proposal was expected shortly.

Here are the three Frenchmen who are most widely discussed as possibilities in the choice of a successor to General de Gaulle:

Maurice Thorez, Minister of State of the out-going government for 15 years has been Secretary General of the French Communist Party. This party emerged as France's largest in the last elections but often has been in a minority position against the rest of the constituent assembly.

Born on April 23, 1900, at Novelles - Goudault, Pas de Calais, son and grandson of coal miners, Thorez himself began work in the pits at the age of 12. He became a leader of the Communist Party soon after it was founded.

Mobilized at the start of World War II, Thorez fled to Russia in October 1939, stating he feared arrest in the Belader Government's anti-Red drive and was condemned on desertion charges by an army court.

In 1944 he was pardoned by de Gaulle and returned to France, where his citizenship rights were restored by decree just before last October's elections.

PETAINE OPPONENT

Vincent Auriol, another outgoing Minister of State, has since 1914 been a Deputy and for many years Parliamentary Secretary of the Socialist Party. smallest of France's Big-Three but occupying a strategic middle position between the Communists and Christian Democrats.

He was born in August 27, 1884 at Revel, Haute Garonne, and studied law, entering the Toulouse Bar, specializing in financial questions in parliament, he drew attention as Minister of Finance in the first Popular Front government in 1936, when he took the franc off the gold standard.

After occupying other cabinet posts, Auriol voted against giving Marshal Philippe Petain plenary powers in 1940 and was arrested and then released, they lived in hiding until he escaped to join de Gaulle in London in 1943.

EDUARD HERRIOT

After the liberation of French North Africa, Auriol was active on the Consultative Assembly at Algiers.

Seventy-four-year-old Edouard Herriot, thrice Premier of France, is the Parliamentary Chairman of the Radical-Socialist Party.

A Parliamentarian since 1912 he held Cabinet posts almost the start. One of his government resigned in 1932 when he maintained that France should continue war debt payments to America.

In 1940 he was deposed by Vichy after 35 years as Mayor of Lyons, arrested two years later and taken to Germany where he was liberated by the Russians.

GOVIN PICKED

The Communists have proposed the election of Felix Govin to succeed General de Gaulle as President of the Provisional Government, which is the Socialist Party leader, however, the Communists are against it.

EUROPEAN WOMEN IN FIGHT: COURT STORY

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: — Continuing fine, cool. Light to moderate easterly winds.

Yesterday's temperatures: — Maximum: — 67 degrees at 12.30 p.m. Minimum: — 53 degrees at 7 a.m.

EVIDENCE THAT COMPLAINANT, A RUSSIAN WOMAN, MRS. K. HORNESSON, WAS DETAINED FIVE DAYS AT THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF BRUISES RECEIVED IN A TUSSELE WITH MRS. B. HORKOFF, POLISH, WAS GIVEN BY DR. B. C. TSIA, MEDICAL OFFICER ATTACHED TO THE HOSPITAL STAFF WHEN HE WAS CALLED AS A WITNESS AT KOWLOON COURT YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF A CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

TWO DEFENDANTS WERE SUMMONED BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE, MR. W. H. LATIMER. THEY WERE MRS. G. E. CROSS AND MRS. B. HORKOFF, BOTH RESIDING AT NO. 172, NATHAN ROAD, 3RD FLOOR.

Mrs. Harvesson told the Court that on Jan. 7, accompanied by her step-daughter, Ernestina, she had gone to that address to see Mrs. Cross. The front door was opened by Mrs. Horkoff who asked her what she wanted. Mrs. Harvesson replied that she wished to see Mrs. Cross to return her a sum of \$25.

Witness said that a discussion arose which culminated in Mrs. Horkoff's striking her and pulling her hair. In the ensuing scuffle, both fell to the floor and witness managed to gain the upper hand, extracting a promise from Mrs. Horkoff of a cessation of further assault.

Mr. F. Zimmern, representing complainant, called as the next witness Miss Ernestina Harvesson, who stated in evidence that she accompanied her step-mother and that, when the door was opened, Mrs. Horkoff pounced on complainant and a fight started.

Dr. Tsia, in evidence, said that he examined Mrs. Harvesson at the Kowloon Hospital on Jan. 10 and found bruises on her forehead, cheeks, shoulders and chest. She was hospitalized for five days.

MRS. CROSS'S EVIDENCE

Mrs. G. E. Cross, called to the witness-stand, said that she took no part in the fight. She was awakened by someone calling her name and on going out to the hall saw two women rolling about on the floor. Mrs. Harvesson was on top of Mrs. Horkoff and had her hands in the latter's hair.

She did not let go, Mrs. Cross stated, until Mrs. Horkoff swore, crossing her heart, that she would stop fighting.

Mr. Zimmern: "Do you deny handling a cane or a piece of firewood to Mrs. Horkoff?"

Mrs. Cross: "I deny it. There was no firewood in my house."

Mrs. Horkoff was then called to the witness-stand. She said that on hearing a knock on the front door she opened it to find complainant outside.

The first thing complainant said was "You took my husband away from me." Then, witness stated, complainant pounced on her, pulled her hair, scratched her face and they both fell to the floor.

She was forced by complainant to cross her heart and promise not to continue the fight.

"PRETTY BAD"

Mr. Zimmern: "How did complainant get all the bruises on her body?"

Do you say that when she left your house she was alright?"

Mrs. Horkoff: "She was absolutely fit when she left. There were no bruises at all and I didn't hit her."

The Magistrate: "I saw Mrs. Harvesson on Jan. 9, and she was pretty bad on her face. I shall discharge Mrs. Cross. As regards the second defendant and the complainant, I suggest a \$100 bond of peace to be signed by both sides."

Raids On Warehouse

NARA, Japan, Jan. 22.

After sending American squads into the countryside twice within a week, Lt. Colonel Ross A. St. Clair, senior military government officer for Nara and Miyagi Prefectures, told 15 delegates of almost 14,000 Koreans, Formosans and Chinese that they were definitely bound by Japanese law.

American troops and Japanese police arrested 12 Japanese, 25 Formosans and one Chinese near the Nara Prefecture warehouse on Jan. 17. They confiscated five trucks, which contained large quantities of brown sugar, while cotton clothes and cases of vegetables valued at 100,000 yen. Four of the men arrested and seven Japanese policemen were injured. Army reports said that the goods were apparently intended for black market distribution.

On Jan. 18 another squad was called to the warehouse where Japanese police had taken into custody eight Chinese and five Japanese found loitering in the area with two empty trucks.—Associated Press.

WOM'N HAVE TO WORRY THEN

Washington, Jan. 22.

Could the explosion of atomic bombs set off a chemical chain reaction which would destroy the earth?

Senator Russell wanted to know and asked Maj. General L. R. Groves, while the Army's atomic bomb expert was appearing before a Senate Committee.

General Groves replied he wasn't very worried about the possibility and neither were his advisors.

"If it happens," he remarked, "it will be all over—and we won't have to explain that one."—Associated Press.

Situation Critical

Manila, Jan. 22.

The High Commissioner for the Philippines, Mr. Paul McNutt, describing the Philippine situation as "critical" today, called President Truman urging passage of the Rehabilitation and Trade Bills to prevent what he said would be serious consequences in the islands.

"It does not at this moment seem humanly possible for the Filipino people, ravaged and demoralized by the cruelest and most destructive war, political split between loyalists and enemy collaborators, and with several sizeable well-armed dissident groups still at large, to cope with the coincidence of political independence and the tremendous economic demands of rehabilitation," McNutt said.

The situation here is critical," McNutt said.

Russian Bombshell At U.N.O. Meeting

LONDON, JAN. 22.

OBSERVERS HERE TO-DAY WERE FEARFUL ON ACCOUNT OF A RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN COMPLAINT LODGED WITH THE U.N.O. AGAINST BRITISH POLICIES IN GREECE AND JAVA WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A SERIOUS SPLIT AMONG THE FIVE BIG POWERS.

THE RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN MOVES CONSTITUTE THE FIRST INSTANCE OF ACTION BY ONE MEMBER OF THE 11-NATION SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST ANOTHER MEMBER. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT FROM THE BRITISH.

One British spokesman said his first reaction was that the Russians were playing a "tit for tat" game — introducing complaints against the British to balance the Iranian protests against alleged Russian interference in Iran. The spokesman said the British had nothing to do with the filing of the Iranian complaint.

United States sources said they are not alarmed by the developments although officials had hoped to avoid major issues while the U.N.O. was being formed.

British troops went to Greece last year on the grounds that occupation of that country was necessary to the war effort. The Russian letter to the U.N.O. Assembly, Executive Secretary said, "The maintenance of British troops in Greece after the war cannot now be explained by necessity for protecting communications of British troops in defeated countries."

GREEK REACTION

The Greek Premier, Mr. Themis Soploulis, said to-day that "British military forces are in Greece with the full consent of the Greek Government and are in earnest collaboration with it in maintaining order."

This is the first official Greek reaction to the Russian request to the U.N.O. for early consideration of the Greek situation.—Associated Press.

H.K. Service

San Francisco, Jan. 22. The American lines will resume their trans-Pacific service within the next few months with four large liners providing accommodation for 2,000 passengers and sailing every 14 days from San Francisco and Los Angeles, it was announced to-day.—Associated Press.

YARD HUNT FOR LONDON GUNMEN

London, Jan. 22.

A hunt by Scotland Yard and C.I.D. men was on to-day for gunmen who from a stolen car fired four bullets at a police patrol car during an eight-mile zigzag chase in London's fog-bound streets.

The gunmen escaped in the fog. None of the police was hit nor was the police car. The stolen car was found abandoned in Hornsey, with the back filled with women's dresses, although no report had been received of dresses having been stolen during the night.

Just before 3.00 a.m. a police message was radiated to all patrol cars stating that a black Humber car had been stolen from St. John's Wood.

At 4.00 a.m. a police patrol car saw an identical car racing in the direction of Finsbury Park. As the police car started up to give chase one flash and then three flashes in quick succession were seen coming from the back of the Humber.

The police car carried on the chase but the Humber was lost seen about 4.30 a.m. jumping traffic lights and disappearing into the fog.—Reuter.

DOCTORS DECAYING

San Francisco, Jan. 22.

A group of Army doctors from Guam notified the Associated Press that at a meeting on Friday night they resolved to ask Senator Johnson, Democrat of Colorado, for permission to have a representative before his Senate demobilization committee after an unidentified speaker had said that idleness from seasonal duties was "causing decay physically and morally."—Associated Press.

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YENAN'S MILITARY LEADER

Story Of General Chu Teh

Japs. Not Barbarians!

Manila, Jan. 22. The prosecution today rested its case against Lieut-General Masaharu Homma after testimony given by two eye-witnesses of the fall of Batuan and Corregidor.

Major Achille "Bado" aide to Major-General E. P. King, Bataan Commander at the surrender, said the Americans retained enough vehicles to transport prisoners to any designated camp but the Japanese major-general refused to discuss the treatment of prisoners with General King and the only statement made was by the Japanese interpreter who said: "We are not barbarians." The infamous death march then followed. The dead said the prisoners were well treated until the morning of April 11 when the slappings and beatings began.

Colonel John R. Pugh testified to the surrender at Corregidor when General Wainwright and his faithful group of battered and sick defenders, finally surrendered to Homma's hordes. — Associated Press.

Arab Stand

Jerusalem, Jan. 22. The Arab press in Palestine published a statement by King Saud of Saudi Arabia stating that "We will sacrifice our lives and those of our children and our Kingdom so that Palestine remains Arab and Moslem."

The statement which the newspapers said was made to Palestine delegates to the Arab League conference in Cairo, continued: "I frankly told Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt that I only ask them to support the Palestine cause, that we were friends, but that there would never be a Jewish state or Zionist colony in Palestine." — Associated Press.

Java Negotiations Meeting Success

London, Jan. 22. Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to Moscow, who is going to Batavia as a special envoy, left England this afternoon in a Transport Command Dakota plane on his way to Batavia via Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta and Singapore. He is due at Batavia on Jan. 30.

Best Left Alone

Washington, Jan. 22. The Senate and House Military Committee Chairman showed little enthusiasm for a requested investigation into the bloody Rapido River engagement in Italy, which was made by members of the 36th Division in an association meeting in Brownwood, Texas, on Saturday, on the eve of the second anniversary of their costly crossing of the heavily defended Italian stream.

Representative Andrew J. May, Democrat of Kentucky, Chairman of the House Committee, told a reporter he could not see what good could be accomplished by investigation now. "It wouldn't bring back the lives of any of the men who were lost there," May said.

Chairman Robert D. Thomas, Democrat of Utah, of the Senate group, there was no precedent for Congressional investigation of a strictly military activity "unless Pearl Harbor so qualified." Both emphasized, however, they will refer the resolution to the members of their Committees if they receive it. — Associated Press.

HAYWIRE?

Moscow, Jan. 21. Pravda's foreign observer "Reviewer" asserted yesterday that Soviet representatives never have forbidden American correspondents to enter Mukden.

Concerning the statement that Soviet authorities considered American correspondents "enemies," the commentator said in an article in Pravda that "Soviet representatives never and nowhere made such a statement. If some American correspondent who was hostile made it out of his head, such a provocative statement, then American correspondents must first of all turn to Chinese General Tu Lien-min and his staff." — Associated Press.

Idolised By His Troops

(By John Roderick).

YENAN, JAN. 22. AFTER A THIRD OF A CENTURY OF REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE, GEN. CHU TEH, CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SAYS HE IS READY TO LAY DOWN HIS ARMS. THE INSTANT "UNITY, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY" ARE ACHIEVED IN CHINA.

"I HOPE," HE SAID, AS WE CHATTED IN A CHILLY CAVE OF HIS "DATE O CHARD" HOME, "THEY WILL COME IN 1946." OF HIS LONG CAREER AS A REVOLUTIONARY, HE OBSERVED:

"I have helped to carve out a territory here in North China where human beings may live secure from arrest and terror, free to practice democratic self-government."

The general is 59 years old—the same age as his onetime revolutionary associate, Chiang Kai-shek. But the similarity ends there. When you sit in the Spartan simplicity of his crude cave and listen to him talk it becomes difficult to remember that this unpaid, ill-dressed revolutionary gave up a life of wealth and ease 20 years ago to become one of the world's most spectacular guerrilla leaders.

The large impression that he leaves with you is that of a kindly older man endowed with rare personal warmth. The more you see of him in everyday life—sitting quietly at dinner, applauding the Chinese opera or laughing at a movie in the American observer group—the more it seems incredible that upon his head Chiang Kai-shek once placed a price of \$250,000—a reward which incidentally has never been revoked.

YENAN, JAN. 22. IDOLISED BY TROOPS. Yet this much-wanted man goes about Yen-an virtually unguarded and never under arms. His soldiers virtually idolise him. He is one of the most non-descript of all Chinese Reds. I have never seen him in anything more prepossessing than an old faded suit, a worn fur-topped cape and an army cap whose ear-laps are

tied in a bow at the top and give all army men a rogish look. His only mark of insignia is the blue and white Kuomintang army star, for he is a member of the Nationalist staff whose rank those days is much honoured in the breach.

Though his rank is equivalent to a five-star American general he has no coiffure or aloofness. He is an eager listener and constantly invites criticism. He has not left Yen-an since 1940 but stories about him persist in the popular imagination. The National forces have variously placed him at the head of troops from Kweisui to Mukden. They have killed, buried and resurrected him a half-dozen times. These days, when the negotiations for unity in Chungking demand that he participate in important party decisions as well as direct the 1,200,000 men the Communists claim in his command, he follows a full daily schedule.

When the united front was put into effect in 1937 he personally led operations in Hopei, Shansi and Honan, but in the past five years Yen-an has been his headquarters. Here he makes strategic decisions from the cluster of caves and abode buildings which the Reds call simply "Hwan-chiangping"—the Hwanse family compound.

STRICT ROUTINE. In Yen-an he follows the strict army routine which has guided him most of his life. Often he walks five miles into town to meet party leaders. He avidly reads books and newspapers and keeps up on the international situation through translations of foreign-language news-agencies.

He always finds time to indulge his love for children. A small army of them tags at his heels. One of his current favorites is a shy 11-year-old girl whose merry eyes darken with pain when Chungking is mentioned. Her father is Yeh Ting, former commander of the New Fourth Army who was taken by the National troops in 1941.

For three years this child shared her father's prison cell, cooking for him, mending his clothes and caring for him.

Son of a wealthy Szechwan landlord, Chu Teh graduated from the Yunnan military academy and immediately plunged into China's struggle for freedom and democracy. "I was born," he told me, "in a period when China was struggling for a national democratic revolution. In my early years I participated in campaigns to overthrow the Manchu Dynasty in 1911. Five years later I aided the revolt against Yuan Shih-kai who wanted to restore the monarchy."

Chu, feeling perhaps that success had now been achieved, took up his old way of life as a well-to-do Yunnan official. Then one day, he says, "I awoke."

"All these years my troops had struggled for democracy but now I realized that the democratic goal had not been achieved," he said. "I turned to the Communist party for the solution."

When he made this decision to embark upon revolution for a third time he was a middle-aged man of 40 sitting humbly at the feet of intellectuals young enough to be his sons. He went with some of these to Germany.

"There I was influenced by the writings of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, and the discussions of my Chinese comrades," he said.

Later he went to Paris and finally to Moscow where he entered the Eastern Workers' University. He returned to Shanghai in 1925. And from then on he began dealing with the forces which eventually were to be built into the Communist army.

The story is told that even at this stage he dressed so simply that once upon capture by some of his enemies he successfully fooled them by saying that he was the cook.

"My life has not been in vain," he remarked. "I have helped to carve out a territory here in North China where human beings may live secure from arrest and terror, free to practice democratic self-government. I have lived to see the democracy we established demanded by the rest of China which now lives in chaos and under oppression. For this I am grateful." — Associated Press.

Army Demob Proposal

Washington, Jan. 22. The proposal that Congress use its money to grant power to speed the army demobilization programme was advanced yesterday by Representative Dilsen, Republican of Illinois, who said in an interview that if the Army did not have enough money to feed U.S. troops abroad it would have no alternative but to bring them home and discharge them.

According to Dilsen he wants to dole out the Army funds between now and June 30 on a month by month basis. He said he was offering his plan as an amendment to a Bill now before the House Appropriations Committee to cancel some \$6,000,000 in previous grants mostly to the Army and the Navy. — Associated Press.

"Queen Mary" To Carry War Brides

Frankfurt, Jan. 22. About 10,000 war brides and dependents will be moved to the United States from Britain by the end of February, Brigadier General George S. Eyster told a press conference at which he assured soldiers there are plenty of ships for that and to meet the new redeployment schedule at the same time.

The first shipment will leave Southampton on Jan. 23 aboard the "Argentine" with a capacity of about 625.

The "Queen Mary" capable of carrying 2,400 is due to leave on Feb. 2 and seven other ships will pick up war brides and dependents in February.

Eyster estimated about 50,000 war brides and dependents are awaiting shipment including those from France for whom sailing dates are not fixed.

The G.I.'s University at Blair will be closed early in March and other "extra curricular" programmes curtailed to expedite redeployment of troops eligible for discharge. The Brigadier added. — Associated Press.

Power Of Jap. Clique Ended

Tokyo, Jan. 22. More than 20 Prefectural Governors and 33 other top flight members of the Home Office clique that kept a stranglehold on the internal life of Japan in the years before her surrender, have handed in their resignations in General MacArthur's political purge of the nation.

The new Home Minister, Chuzo Miyakoshi, is out hunting fresh material among "pure civilians" who are not smeared in the old political monopoly.

In Japan the Home Ministry is a big outfit. It controls the Provincial Governments' cigarette and salt monopolies, all public buildings and even police—the 93,000 little men in corner boxes who know what every person in the neighborhood is doing. Governors do not have to be residents of the province—just dispatched from Tokyo Headquarters to run the show.

Under Japan's "New Deal," Mitsueki will throw out the old guard as ordered by MacArthur. Himself named to the Shidehara Cabinet, the "Asahi Shimbun" said, he plans to send civilians without past records and a number of others into major prefectures. None over 60 years of age are to be chosen.

Civilians eyed by Mitsueki include businessmen who have had no voice before, a former judicial officer and two or three former members of the Diet. — Associated Press.

Looking For Successor

Paris, Jan. 22. The French Communist Party today launched a drive to name a Communist as successor to President de Gaulle.

The Communists, after holding a conference with representatives of the more conservative Popular Republican movement party, announced they would demand that a Communist be elected immediately and advanced the name of their Minister of State, Maurice Thorez.

Vincent-Auriol, Socialist Minister of State, was considered another likely candidate in authoritative political circles which also talked of a Socialist-Communist government headed by a Radical-Socialist, perhaps the pre-war Premier Eduard Herriot. — Associated Press.

BRIGADIER ON FIELDS AFFAIR

Canberra, Jan. 22. Brigadier Derek Schreiber yesterday issued a 500-word statement which said in part: "A statement has been made that I was responsible for Field's dismissal. This is quite incorrect and has been publicly denied at the enquiry. I have not harboured any desire to prevent Fields and his wife from obtaining employment."

The statement added that he had given Field as gifts £10 and a new wrist watch. — Associated Press.

FIL'BUSTER ON

Washington, Jan. 22. The Southern Senators in Congress on Monday officially announced their intention to continue the filibuster against the fair employment bill.

The filibuster is a senatorial device used to block the passage of a bill by "continuous speaking" thereby delaying all legislation and forcing the sponsors of the bill to withdraw it from the floor.

The fair employment bill is designed to give all Americans, regardless of colour or creed, the same opportunities in finding employment.

Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi said: "I intend to speak for 30 days and I am only one of many." — Associated Press.

PLANTS TO BE SEIZED

Chicago, Jan. 22. The possibility of an imminent government seizure confronted the strike-bound meat industry today. As the fact-finding board appointed by President Truman prepared to open public hearings here today in the six-day old walk-out, high administrative quarters in Washington said that major packing plants might be seized in a day or two. Conciliation attempts here to end the walk-out of 225,000 C.I.O. and A.F.L. workers in the industry were docked in the wake of the board's expressed hope of a settlement within two weeks. — Associated Press.

U.S. Steel Starvation

Washington, Jan. 22. Steel starvation will prevail "with the closing of one factory after another," within two or three weeks, the Civilian Production Administration forecast as the C.I.O. United Steel Workers walk-out took hold today.

Civilian Production Administration Chief John D. Small predicted that a sizeable portion of the industry will be shut-down or curtailing operations within a fortnight as he prepared to issue orders for the immediate suspension of all civilian and military priorities for steel.

Small said many plants have only 15 days' supply of vital sheet steel and many may shut down quickly to avoid using up the present stocks in order to save supplies for a quick start at the end of the strike when there is the inevitable delay in deliveries. — Associated Press.

MARINES MAY STAY

Tientsin, Jan. 22. American marines will probably be kept in North China as a "stabilizing force" now that repatriation of Japanese has been turned over to the Chinese, Representative Bates, Republican of Massachusetts, a member of the House Naval Affairs Sub-Committee said here yesterday.

Bates, who is in Tientsin with the Sub-Committee, said the United States is "interested in permanent world peace. We are of the conviction that unless we send another world demonstration may be in the making." — Associated Press.

WOMAN ELECTED

London, Jan. 22. Miss Freida Dafen, Norwegian delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, was elected member of the Economic and Social Council. — Associated Press.

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W. J. KEATES,
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CHINESE DELEGATE FOR LONDON

Chungking, Jan. 22. General Chang Chen, chief aide-de-camp to General Chiang Kai-shek and former Chief of the Chinese Military Mission to Washington, has been appointed head of the Chinese Delegation to the forthcoming Big Five Military Conference in London.

General Ho Ying-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, was to have headed the Mission but for an undisclosed reason, will not go to London. — Associated Press.

HIRATE'S EXCUSE

Yokohama, Jan. 21. Katchi Hirate, who is on trial here for alleged mistreatment of allied internees in two Prisoner of War camps which he commanded, told the Military Tribunal that 48 prisoners died in his command because "the prisoners who first arrived from Indonesia were particularly weak and it amounted to re-salving sick men." — Associated Press.

H.K. Exports To Singapore

Shippers of goods to Singapore are perturbed by the latest advice from their agents that importations from Hong Kong have been placed under Government control.

The effect of this ruling is that sale of goods from Hong Kong will be subject to Government sanction at official prices and it is submitted, this may mean a loss to exporters if the official prices are fixed below what they have paid in Hong Kong.

The last shipment to Singapore was that by the s.s. "City of Eastbourne" which is still en route.

LICENCE NECESSARY

Shippers of goods to the United States have received advice from their agents that importations into the States are subject to import licence from the War Production Board.

It is necessary for shippers in Hong Kong to satisfy themselves that their agents or buyers in the States have secured the necessary licence before they make shipment. Licence number is required by the U.S. Consulate-General in Hong Kong for the issue of consular invoice.

EUROPEAN'S DEATH

A tragic discovery was made at the Reary Hill Home on Monday when Mr. P. H. A. Lafleur was found dead in his room. It is believed he had committed suicide by hanging himself.

The late Mr. Lafleur, who was a Northernlander, was a Director of M. Beraha and Co., Ltd. Together with his wife and two adopted children, he was interned at Stanley during the occupation. When the Colony was liberated he and his family were accommodated at Reary Hill.

It is reported that he had been in low spirits for some time past.

REGISTRY WEDDING

Mr. Raymond Hsien Leung-oh, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Fook-hong, and Miss Vivienne Yuen Fung Ho, fourth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ho Yu, were married yesterday morning at the Supreme Court Registry.

A reception was later held at No. 69 Conduit Road where a large gathering of relatives and friends attended.

PETROL CONFISCATED

An application for confiscation of 57 tins of petrol was granted by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday to Inspector Fyffe of Central Police Station.

According to Inspector Fyffe, the petrol was found on the s.s. "We Sang" without a claimant and is not on the ship's manifest.

Fr. Mark Tennen of the Maryknoll Mission will speak to-morrow afternoon at 5.30 p.m. at the Catholic Centre on "Chinese Living in Chungking throughout the war and from there he broadcasted regularly to America. His talk is going to be particularly interesting to all those who wish to know the conditions of the war time Chinese Capital.

HONG KONG GENERAL OF COMMERCE

REMINDER

Members of the above Chamber are reminded that a Special Meeting is to be held in the Board Room of Jardine Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 23rd January, 1946.

NOTICE

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President Truman On Loan To Britain

WASHINGTON, JAN. 22.

IN SUPPORT OF HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PROPOSED LOAN TO BRITAIN BE GIVEN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, PRESIDENT TRUMAN TOLD CONGRESS IN HIS BUDGET MESSAGE THAT THE LOAN WOULD ENABLE BRITAIN TO "AVOID DISCRIMINATORY TRADE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE TYPE WHICH DESTROYED THE FREEDOM OF TRADE DURING THE 1930'S."

HIS 25,000-WORD MESSAGE COMBINED A RELIEF OF FOREIGN POLICY, LAWMAKING AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. HE EXPRESSED "GREAT HOPE" FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF "MUTUALLY EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS IN CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY."

The American peace policy, he said, must rest "upon justice, not less than power."

He declared that he thought it was possible that the atom bomb will be outlawed as a war weapon.

Elaborating on foreign policy, Truman said when difficulties arise between war-time allies the United States will not try to remove them by sacrificing its ideals and vital interests. Nor will the United States ignore the ideals and vital interests of its friends.

The United States, he continued, intends to preserve the voice of the smaller nations in writing peace treaties with Germany and Japan just as the United States insisted that the small nations be heard in making peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland.

PERMANENT PEACE

"The peace we seek is not a peace for 20 years," Truman said. "It is a permanent peace."

The support of even the strongest nations cannot guarantee peace unless it is infused with the quality of justice, he said.

Expressing approval of the "encouraging progress" made by the Allied Control Council for Germany in the face of the most serious difficulties Truman said the transfer from military to civilian personnel of American participation in the government of occupied territories in Europe will be urged as soon as practicable.

In the new pattern for Allied control for Japan, the United States, with "the full approval of its partners," has retained the primary authority and responsibility and will continue to do so until the Japanese people choose their own government.

On the domestic front, the President asked Congress to approve a program which he felt would promote the greater output of lower cost goods by higher paid workers.

STRIKE WARNING

He cautioned that "voices of disunity" which "are beginning to cry aloud again must not prevail."

Truman expressed optimism over business and job potentials and issued fresh warnings against inflation and major strikes.

In the budget the President pegged government expenditures during the fiscal year beginning July 1 at \$36,800,000,000. This is only \$4,347,000,000 above the anticipated income.

By drawing on the Treasury's cash balance, the National Debt can be reduced for the first time in 17 years; he said, from an expected \$175,000,000,000 next July to \$171,000,000,000 a year later.

He added, however, that he was unable to recommend further tax cuts at this time.—Associated Press.

COXSAIN'S RESCUE

A near-tragedy was narrowly averted by the vigilance and initiative of Leung Loo, coxswain of the Naval Yard tug "Tanna."

Shortly after 5 p.m. on Monday the coxswain heard shouts for help from the water off the rocks at Stonecutters. He immediately alerted his tug, which was at the Armament depot jetty, to the spot, and found that a boat with two engineers from H.M.S. Empire Clyde had overturned, throwing the occupants in the water.

The two men were picked up. It was fortunate that help arrived so soon as there was a very strong current.

Richmond, Calif., Jan. 22. Tony Penna of Dayton, Ohio, won the Richmond open golf tournament to pocket \$2,000 in victory bonds. He scored 289 in 72-hole tourney.—The touring professionals headed for Phoenix for their next competition.—Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 22. Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler told a meeting of Texas league club owners that all baseball, including amateurs, should be under one head, and disclosed that Negro baseball leaders have discussed the question of reorganizing their circuits on a basis permitting their entry into organized professional baseball.

He said presidents of two Negro leagues had conferred with him.

Associated Press

U. S. BASKETBALL

New York, Jan. 22.

Four teams in the running for top national collegiate basketball honors headline this week's competition. Notre Dame, currently rated the No. 1 team, will meet Kentucky and Wyoming.

Notre Dame has won 10 and lost none against some of the country's strongest teams. Kentucky has been beaten only once in 13 games, and trounced Tennessee 60 to 32. Wyoming has lost only one game in 13 and Oklahoma Aggies only one in 11.

Navy, with four wins and no losses, tangle with Duke, the southern conference leader, Saturday. Undeclared Holy Cross is host to powerful Rhode Island state on Thursday.

West Virginia is another unbeaten team with 11 straight victories.—Associated Press.

Yokohama, Jan. 22.

Elton (Tad) Wieman, former head football coach at Princeton and Michigan, arrived in Japan yesterday to assist in coaching the play-off air-borne eleven for the Army Olympic title game against the Honolulu all-stars in Tokyo on Jan. 27. Jack Sutherland, former Pittsburgh university and professional coach, is on the Honolulu coaching staff.—Associated Press.

On the ground that the Court was satisfied that the findings of the Tenancy Tribunal should not be disturbed, Mr. Leo d'Almada, sitting in the Court of Appeal, yesterday upheld a decision of the Tribunal in granting an eviction order.

The appeal was brought by Chan Wat against an eviction order granted by the Tribunal to the Shim Tat Thong Company in respect of the premises at No. 66 Bonham Strand East.

Mr. Y. K. Kan represented the appellant while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for the respondents.

In the original application for eviction the respondents, Shim Tat Thong Company, claimed that the original tenants of the premises the Man Ngar Printing Co. had gone out of business and the machinery removed. It was further claimed that the Man Ngar Firm did not pay rents from Oct. 11, 1941, to Jan. 16, 1946.

Chan brought his appeal on the ground that the Man Ngar company had not been dissolved nor had it given up the premises which were retained through appellant, be he partner or assistant.

Giving judgment Mr. d'Almada said:

"CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE

"On nearly every question of fact before the Tribunal there was direct conflict of evidence in this case. On every such question the Tribunal found for the Applicants, and from the Findings, it is clear that it did so because it believed the evidence adduced on their behalf and disbelieved that of the Opponent."

"To quote from the Findings: 'It seemed to the Tribunal that the Opponent was trying, all alone, to provide an answer for every point raised by the Applicants whether that point was material or not. When it came to deciding what to believe, or more specifically, when not to believe, the Tribunal, without much hesitation, decided against the Opponent.'"

"In the circumstances it cannot be said that the Court is in as good a position as that of first instance, and on a careful examination of the evidence, I am satisfied that these findings should not be disturbed."

"Mr. Kan argues that the Tribunal based its decision on four points, and that they were wrong on every one. These points are: the failure to pay rents from Oct. 11, 1941, to Jan. 16, 1946; the removal of machinery; the dissolution of the company; and the removal of the premises."

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NEW YEAR SOCCER

At the meeting of the Football League Management Committee it was decided to stage three football games during the Chinese Holidays.

All games will be played on the New Ground, as follows: Saturday, Feb. 2: Rest of Colony v. Combined Chinese.

Sunday, Feb. 3: Island v. Mainland.

Monday, Feb. 4: United Services v. Rest of Colony.

It was also decided to run a shield competition after the completion of the League. The competition will be confined to the ten teams now competing in the League, but as the Civilian are only entering one team it is probable that another Commando team will be invited.

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HERE AND THERE

A mammoth bunch of orchids to Lilia "Nightingale" Xavier who made a triumphant return to the Local Diamond from a successful season in that Haven of refuge, Meneo. She gave a sparkling all-round display at the pitcher's box and at bat last week.

To Terry Noronha, former Big Chief of the Green-Shirted "Wahooks," goes a dozen roses who topped the hot corner with pop and style. Terry is sure a colourful unit.

Members of the Management Committee of the H.K. Softball Association are requested to attend the meeting which will be held at the office of Messrs. Wing Sang Hong, Room 12, 4th Floor, Ching Building, this Friday at 5.15 p.m. Also will be the Captains of the two Girls' team (Wildcats and Pin-Up Gals) please attend. "Doc" Molthen, Chairman of the League, will preside.

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Sunday's Softball

(By "ONLOOKER")

This Sunday's encounters mark the beginning of the second round of the men's fracas with two games to be played—the undoubted "Playboy" Baseballers meeting Chung Hwa at 9.30 a.m. sharp in the curtain-raiser, and Way Fong clashing with Cyclones immediately afterwards—at Reerote ground King's Park, Kowloon.

Although beaten by "Doc" Molthen "Playboy" Baseballers in their first game, Chung Hwa's hopes run high once again. In view of their return battle with the "Playboy" mob will not be as one-sided as the first. Robbins will be calling 'em with "Sunburn" Omar and "Lolly" Moodeen at the bases.

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NIGHTMARE OF TRAVEL

Europe Still In Chaotic State

Nazis On A Black Market Spree

Nuernberg, Jan. 22. Eager to strip occupied western countries of every scrap of food even though it might mean famine, German leaders sponsored a huge German purchasing programme on the black markets in France and other occupied territories, the International Military Tribunal trying 22 Nazi leaders here was told today.

The wild black market spree into which the Nazis poured billions of francs seized from the French ostensibly to cover occupation costs reached ludicrous proportions in 1942 with various German agencies bidding against one another, the French war crimes prosecutors charged.

Goering finally intervened with the demand that black market dealings of the Wehrmacht and other German groups be centralized, and "regularized" on a grand scale, the prosecution continued.

The French said they expected to spend the entire week detailing the story of what they called the greatest looting scheme in history, the systematic seizure of the material wealth of Western Europe. Associated Press.

France Asked To Hand Over Mandates

LONDON, JAN. 22. MR. PETER FRASER, PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, DEMANDED BEFORE THE U.N.O. TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT FRANCE AND SOUTH AFRICA TURN THEIR MANDATES OVER TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY.

HE DECLARED HE WAS "AT A LOSS" TO UNDERSTAND THE POSITION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH HE SAID HAD SHOWED HESITANCY IN DECLARING THEIR INTENTIONS TO TURN OVER THEIR MANDATED TERRITORY TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

"Morally, no nation has a right to misappropriate territory but in its trust, whatever the legal position is," Fraser said. "Mandated territories do not belong to the mandate power."

Appeal For Square Deal

San Francisco, Jan. 22. Major-General C. A. Willoughby, Chief of Intelligence for General Douglas MacArthur, yesterday praised the heroism of the American-born Japanese soldiers who served in the Pacific. He appealed to the public to give them "a square deal."

Willoughby arrived at Hamilton Field Sunday night for his first visit home since 1939, disturbed at the reported discrimination against the Nisei (American-born Japanese) Willoughby commanded about 3,000 Nisei recruited on the West Coast and Hawaii.

"We used them on Bataan. They collected information on the battlefield and shared death with their American fellow soldiers. When one of them was captured his fate was a terrible one. In all they handled between two to three million documents and information received through their special skill proved invaluable to our battle forces. Not one single case of disloyalty ever came to my attention," Willoughby said. Associated Press.

SHANGHAI TRIALS

Shanghai, Jan. 22. U.S. China Theatre war crime officers have received authority from Washington to appoint a Military Commission to try Japanese accused of atrocities against Americans.

Arrangement of one Japanese connected with the parking of three American ships in Hankow on Dec. 10, 1942, probably will begin Wednesday.

The top-ranking Japanese prisoner is Major-General Masataka Kuburaki former Chief of Staff of the Japanese 34th Army who is accused of organizing the filers' march.

The Hankow mistreatment trial will be followed by trials of seven Japanese officers charged with the execution of three British filers in Shanghai in October 1942. Associated Press.

Reuter Man Finds It Hard Going

(By Hubert Harrison).

BELGRADE, JAN. 22. WOULD-BE TRAVELLERS DREAMING OF SUNNY DAYS AT WARM RESORTS ON THE SHORES OF THE ADRIATIC OR OTHER PARTS OF SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE TO RELIEVE THE GLOOM AND COLD OF WINTER FURTHER NORTH, WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO REMAIN IN DREAMLAND THIS SEASON.

FOREIGN TRAVEL IS NOT YET WHAT IT WAS, NOT BY A LONG WAY. NOR WILL IT IMPROVE UNTIL RAILWAYS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND FOOD STOCKS IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES REPLENISHED.

It took me 14 hours to travel from Zagreb to Ljubljana, a journey which used to take two and a half hours—and I did it in a cattle truck with 67 other people, men, women and children. It takes about 36 hours to travel from Bucharest to Belgrade, and so arranged that it includes two whole nights standing or sitting upright in crowded carriages with only scanty sanitary arrangements and no restaurant cars.

One friend of mine took 72 hours recently to travel by train from Bucharest to Belgrade.

without feeding arrangements or sleeping.

Even worse are the arrangements for post-war travel by air—which have given rise to the slogan "if you have time to spare, travel by air."

It took 12 days recently to get from Bucharest to Belgrade by air. There were no direct planes on this route so I had to go via Bari which meant that I had to pay almost three times as much as I should because the mileage from Bucharest-Bari and Bari-Belgrade is almost three times the mileage of the direct journey.

INTENSE COLD

Every day for four days I went to the Bucharest aerodrome. The second day we took off, few several hundred miles trying to find a way over the clouds, came within a few miles of Belgrade, my ultimate destination, where the weather was excellent, and then turned back to Bucharest. On the fourth day, we got through although the pilot called me forward at one point to show me the apparently unbroken mass of cloud 20,000 feet high in front of us. Just in time, we found a break and although we had to go up to 40,000 feet, which is too high for comfort without oxygen, we got through to Bari safely.

But our troubles have only just begun. Every morning for eight days I was called at four o'clock, took the five o'clock bus to the aerodrome, buffet and waited. Twice we took off, flew until we were in sight of Dubrovnik, tried first to get over and then to get under the huge bank of dangerous cumulus cloud, and then having been subjected to intense cold at 14,000 feet and had burning at nearly sea level, turned back once again to Bari.

Some days we were told almost at once that we were not going. Some days we sat in a lorry and made a tour of the aerodrome before hearing our fate. Once we sat in the plane for half an hour waiting for a pilot who did not turn up. But in the end we got back tired and worn to the transit hotel.

EXCITING MOMENT

Only on the eighth day, two days after the elections in Yugoslavia which I had been going to report, did we get through the clouds after a rather exciting moment over the Dniepr Alps when the plane could go no higher and there still seemed cloud ahead, and reach Belgrade.

When you reach your destination, things are little better. In Belgrade, I spent one of the coldest months of my life in a hotel with no heating, no hot water and no restaurant which meant going out for all meals. At Belgrade, a tourist centre once famous for its accommodation, I found all the hotels full of children, and refugees from the war ravaged areas. At Dubrovnik, another famous holiday centre, the hotels were partisan hospitals or other institutions, and it was difficult to find a room. And everywhere unless you carried rations with you, food was almost impossible to find. —Reuter.

No Private Armies

Seoul, Korea, Jan. 22. The disbandment of all unofficial "armies" in Korea, including the Korean Boy Scouts, which are without any relation to the International Boy Scouts Organization, was today ordered by Major-General Archer L. Lerch, Military Governor of American occupied Korea.

The Army, meanwhile, continued its investigation of the rioting between left and right wing forces on Friday night and Saturday, which cost the lives of two Koreans and injury to many.

Circulation by American authorities of the State Department statement concerning the Moscow Conference was expected to further calm independence-demanding Koreans. The statement said full independence will be granted as soon as the nation had demonstrated capability of governing itself. Associated Press.

Fiery Speech

Chungking, Jan. 22. For more than 40 minutes in a maiden speech, Teng Yin-chao, who is the wife of the No. 2 Communist, General Chou En-lai, and the only woman delegate, held the floor of the seventh session of the P.C.C. in a "logical" and "comprehensive" and "valuable" of the 1,000 representatives elected ten years ago to adopt the draft constitution of the Republic of China in the National Assembly on May 5 this year.

Eyes and teeth flashing, the woman delegate also attacked the system under which members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang are automatically entitled to deliberation of the National Assembly without undergoing popular election. —Reuter.

American Censors Caught On

Tokyo, Jan. 22. The "Kyodo" News Agency in a notice to its member newspapers said that American censors are wise to the Japanese attempt to evade censorship "and are very displeased."

It proved newspapers not to attempt to sidestep allied censorship concerning hold-ups committed by American troops.

It noted some newspapers, in writing of such crimes, have hinted that the hold-ups were by allied personnel by quoting them as saying "kane fane" (money) but using the word "kane" which denotes a foreign agent.

Others used such descriptions as "gang of three large men" saving they fled in "small type automobiles" (Jeeps) or describing them as "dark large men" meaning Negroes. —Associated Press.

Elections Protest

Athens, Jan. 22. Prime Minister Themistokles Sofoulis has agreed with right and centre party leaders to hold the Greek general elections on March 31, but the extreme left wing adopted a resolution charging that the government did not clear a way for honest balloting.

A crowd of 150,000 left-wing followers protested at a mass meeting that the government had not restored the order necessary for the elections and objected to "intervention of foreign reactionaries who strengthen and support corrupt Greek political factions."

No country was named but a left wing spokesman recently criticized British influence.

The resolution also said honest elections are possible only in a government which included representatives of the resistance movement. The elections will choose a legislature with power to make limited revisions of the Constitution. —Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The s.s. Highland Christian left for Chinwangtao yesterday. She is picking up repatriates in North China and it is understood, then proceeding to Shanghai for more.

The s.s. Winesap left for Shanghai yesterday and the s.s. Anzani Adams arrived Singapore.

Iran Premier Springs A Surprise

TEHRAN, JAN. 22. THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SHAH HAD ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF PREMIER HAKIMI AND THAT THE BODY WOULD MEET IN SECRET SESSION TODAY TO CONSIDER ORGANISING A NEW GOVERNMENT.

DR. F. MOSSADEGH, A FIERY CRITIC OF HAKIMI DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, PRAISED THE PREMIER IN A SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT FOR HIS "PATRIOTIC ACTION IN SACRIFICING PERSONAL POSITION FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY."

He suggested that Hakimi's successor should "place Iran's problem before the United Nations Organization only in the event that direct negotiations with Tabriz, capital city of Azerbaijan, and Moscow proved fruitless."

A Teheran spokesman at court said the Shah is "studying the problem" of a successor to Hakimi, but "his selection of course will depend upon which of the aspirants is able to muster a majority in parliament."

In resigning, Hakimi explained that his action was due to his failure to reach success in negotiations with Russia over Azerbaijan.

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. In London the Iranian delegate to the United Nations Assembly, Nasurullah Entezam, said in an interview that the resignation of Hakimi "may mean institution of direct negotiations with Russia" to settle Iran's controversy with Russia.

Hakimi's fall was fore-shadowed last week when he told parliament his "foreign policy had failed. At that time he said efforts to negotiate with Russia were unavailing and he proposed presentation of the case to the United Nations Organization."

Puppets

Chungking, Jan. 22. A Chinese dispatch today reported the arrest at Kuang-sui, capital of Suiyuan, of 33 Chinese on charges of having collaborated with the Japanese.

They included Li Chun-hai, who was puppet Mayor of Kuang-sui under the Japanese, and Wang Wen-shan, who was Chairman of the Puppet Chamber of Commerce in that city. —Associated Press.

Probe Of Zaibatsu

Tokyo, Jan. 22. Detailed information concerning 14 Zaibatsu families and 18 major holding companies was ordered by Allied Headquarters from the Japanese Government.

The series of questions which the government will answer include rules under which the major Zaibatsu families live as integrated units such as the character which long governed the House of Mitsui. The purpose is to establish the relationship of ties in operation or interest in holding companies and subsidiaries.

The government will submit a list of major officers of Zaibatsu companies holding positions on Jan. 1, 1946, and holders of over one per cent of stock. Other questions concern connections between the holding companies, their affiliates or subsidiaries. The 14 Zaibatsu families are: Mitsubishi, Iwasaki, Fuyo, Sumitomo, Yasuda, Kawauchi, Asano, Nakajima, Shibusawa, Furukawa, Okura, Nomura, Nishikawa and Aikawa. —Associated Press.

Greek Upset

Athens, Jan. 22. Members of the extreme Right Wing group who killed their hostages and barricaded themselves in a mountain-village ten miles north-west of Kalamata have been given until 4 p.m. today to surrender or be attacked by Government troops, it was announced.

Meanwhile the Political Bureau of the Left Wing parties attempted to hold the British responsible for "monarchist and Fascist terrorism" in Greece by directly or indirectly supplying weapons to Right Wing elements. —Associated Press.

Bomb Attempt On R.A.F. Radar Post

Jerusalem, Jan. 22. A number of arrests were made today following the explosion of a bomb in a police post at Givat Olga, south of Haifa, during the night.

Another bomb outrage was attempted against the R.A.F. experimental station at Mount Carmel, where radar is used for detecting suspicious craft carrying illegal immigrants into Palestine.

Two haversacks containing 140 pounds of bombs were placed in a well but were discovered and rendered harmless as a result of a telephone message.

Several thousand Jews living outside the curfew zone of Jerusalem waited on the city's outskirts this morning for the lifting of the curfew barriers at 10.00 a.m. when the curfew is relaxed until 4.00 p.m. Crowds which jammed the Jaffa Road, Jerusalem's main street, included visitors from Tel Aviv and other towns who were caught in the prohibited areas by the imposition of curfew on Saturday. They formed queues for buses.

Since Saturday night's disturbances in which Jewish terrorists attacked an electric power station, 3,000 people have been questioned in the centre of Jerusalem and 148 detained for further examination. Last night British troops patrolled the deserted streets. —Reuter.

IMPEDIMENTS TO JAP. DEMOCRACY

(By Russell Brines).

TOKYO, JAN. 22.

JAPANESE POINT OUT TWO MAJOR WEAKNESSES IN THE ALLIES RECONSTRUCTED FRAMEWORK OF THEIR FUTURE STATE. ONE, THEY SAY, IS RETENTION OF JAPAN'S TIGHT AND OFTEN-PERFECTED FAMILY SYSTEM, WHICH MISS FUSAE ICHIKAWA, NOTED SUFRAGETTE LEADER, CALLS "ONE OF THE MAIN IMPEDIMENTS OF FEUDALISM."

Second, is the continued freedom from imprisonment on war criminal charges of thousands of army and Kametani colonels and majors and their civilian cohorts. These men, say the intelligent and well-advised Japanese, were the real fanatics whose jingoism resulted in the "tidal wave for war" whereon Japan's official leaders bobbed, either by design or chance.

It is evident that practical reasons either have delayed or prevented Allied action on either problem. Aside from its ills, the family system has many good qualities of particular value during the present crisis. Its reformation belongs more properly to an education programme than to official orders, which are designed primarily to remove the barriers for Japanese efforts on their own behalf. Imprisonment or trial of all Japan's one-time fanatics would not be feasible or possible.

WOMEN'S POSITION. Nevertheless, both problems demand an impetus for self-improvement which the Japanese thus far have not demonstrated. The family system wells together people of the same blood in tight, self-sufficient clans. They in turn are bound together in neighbourhood associations and a series of other groups, which retain the vestiges of Japan's old clans. In all, the individual is subordinate to the group, and the age is the primary criterion for leadership. At the top is the Emperor, envisioned as the "father" of the entire Japanese "family."

Miss Ichikawa's objections primarily were based on the lowly position of women. She remarked that the women themselves could modify it over a period of time, through teaching imparted to the children.

INVISIBLE CORE. The family system and its psychology present two basic impediments to democracy. It is difficult to teach a conception of the individual's importance in a state when he is completely unimportant in its basic group. When age is the main recommendation for influence, governments are throttled.

Japan's steel core of fanaticism now is invisible. Thousands of Jingoists were killed during the war and defeat doubtless changed many more. But many

leaders, though inactive, are living. Tojo was a colonel when he became the brains of the dominant military clique. The cruellest Kametani commanders were of the same rank. The so-called "young officers" provided the muscles and daring of the militarist era.

Many Japanese seriously ponder now what they are doing, and when they may reappear. —Associated Press.

Canton Controversy

Canton, Jan. 22. The New Year's greeting which a group of students in Canton University sent to the American forces in China, endorsing their continued stay in the country, continues to be a subject of discussion and controversy here.

President Wang Chih-yuen of the university endorsed the message of his students to Lieut.-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, but some of the students of Sun Yat-sen University made it plain they were in disagreement, and concurred instead with students in Kunming and Shanghai who expressed opposition to American forces remaining in China any longer.

President Wang expressed the belief that the departure of the Americans is a matter for their command and the Chinese Government to decide. He said:

"American forces came to China to help us to win the war. Now we need them to disarm and repatriate the Japanese. It is not for us to ask them to go or stay, for they have a mission to fulfil. While they are here, it is our duty as teachers and students to express our appreciation of their services and to make their stay pleasant."

"I feel sure America has no ulterior motive in China, and the presence of American armed units in China should not be looked upon as foreign garrisons in the past. It is in the interest of China to have the closest co-operation with the United States." —Associated Press.

KEROSENE FIND

A police raiding party under S. I. Byrne searched No. 332, Lai Chi Kok Road, ground floor, and found 32 gallons of kerosene. The inmates, Au So and others said that they had made the kerosene themselves by distilling crude oil. Summoned before Mr. Latimer yesterday, Au So pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour or a fine of \$125.

RADIO

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 1946. STUDIO-HAPPY ONE AT THE PIANO.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 kilocycles and from 12.50 to 1.30 p.m. 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.53 Macgregor.

H.K.T. 12.50 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12.55 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swing Time. 12.45 p.m.—"I've Got My Music" by Ray Jacobson (Hans)—ENSA. 1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Sidney Torch at the Organ—ENSA. 1.30 p.m.—Made from the Films. 2.00 p.m.—Olof Down. 2.30 p.m.—The Merry Face. 3.45 p.m.—"Service Music Box"—ENSA. 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 7.15 p.m.—Comp. allions of I Abbey. 7.30 p.m.—Studio—Harry Ore at the Piano. 8.00 p.m.—Classical Request Hour. 8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 8.05 p.m.—A Co Programme. 8.45 p.m.—Billy Mayell—Aquarium Suite. 10.00 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Mar. Ellis (Soprano). 10.40 p.m.—A Ch. pl. Prog. since 11.00 p.m.—Close. ENSA are recorded specially for Service Broadcasting by the Department of National Service Entertainment.

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